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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/15/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claims 1-11, there is no prior art of record that teaches A liquid crystal display device comprising a polymer-stabilized blue phase liquid crystal sandwiched between a pair of clear substrates, wherein the polymer-stabilized blue phase liquid crystal comprises a low molecular weight liquid crystal that allows a blue phase to appear between a cholesteric phase and an isotropic phase and a polymer network formed in the low molecular weight liquid crystal, and an electrical field is applied parallel to the substrates.

Miyachi US 2005/015192 teaches a blue phase LC however fails to teach the the polymer-stabilized blue phase liquid crystal comprises a low molecular weight liquid crystal that allows a blue phase to appear between a cholesteric phase and an isotropic phase and a polymer network formed in the low molecular weight liquid crystal.

Ozawa US 2006/0170846 teaches a liquid crystal display device comprising a polymer-stabilized blue phase liquid crystal sandwiched between a pair of clear substrates, wherein the polymer-stabilized blue phase liquid crystal comprises a low molecular weight liquid crystal that allows a blue phase to appear between a cholesteric

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phase and an isotropic phase and a polymer network formed in the low molecular weight liquid crystal, and an electrical field is applied parallel to the substrates, however is excluded by date as prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHU VU whose telephone number is (571)272-1562.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-5PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)-272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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